



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: INTER-BUS COMMUNICATION INTERFACE DEVICE AND DATA SECURITY DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, the Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be further amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action dated February 21, 2007, the period for response having been extended to July 21, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.